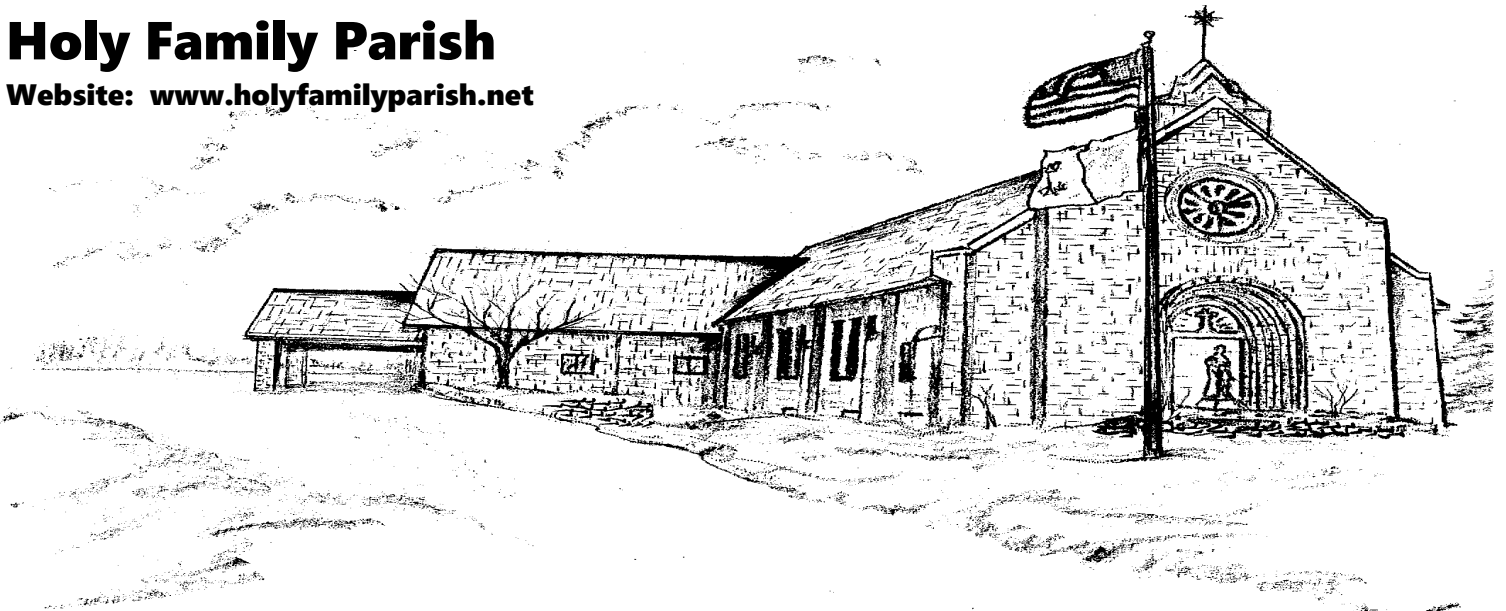


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Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

before daily Mass or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament is for anyone you know who has any continuing or serious illness or at point of death, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament. Contact Fr. Michael at 906-792-4798

Please remember our sick in your prayers....*Rose Beauchamp
Herb Iverson, Mike Gasperich, Shelly Polaczyk, Ken Viau
Pete & Jean Way, Sue Boudreau, Mike, Mary Anne & Tom Theoret
Christina Theoret Zion, Brenda Chouinard, Frank Chenier
Kristin Cutcher, Eric VanDamme, Steve Belongie, Sr., Jan Carter
Patick Brunette, Linda Benoit, Denise Seymour, Don Smith
Savannah Schon*

If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. .

20 SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)
GOD'S OTHER PEOPLE: MAKE ROOM FOR THEM

Dear brothers and sisters, all three readings plus the responsorial Psalm of today talk of the expansive and universal nature of the Kingdom of God, the household of God, God's extended family. The theme of today's readings stands in contrast with the theory that salvation was offered first to the Jews and only then to the rest of the world. At the start of salvation history God called Abraham, as we read in Genesis 12:2. He chose his offspring, Israel, from among all the nations of the earth in order to build his covenant Kingdom. But in His plan, God chose Abraham to be father of all nations on earth. Israel only became the first born of this worldwide family of God, because God blessed all families of the earth in Abraham. This worldwide family of God is epitomized by the Canaanite woman in the Gospel reading of this day.

By declaring through the prophet Isaiah in the first reading, **"MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLES,"** God reveals the truth that in his eyes there is no distinction among human beings on the basis of race, caste, or color. The long expected Messianic Kingdom was intended not only for the Jews but for all nations as well. And so, the responsorial Psalm rejects all forms/types of religious exclusivity when we sing with the Psalmist: **"Let all the peoples praise you, O God..."**

St. Paul leads us in the second reading to understand that although God chose Israel, most of the Israelites denied the promised Messiah, and, consequently, God turned to His other people, the Gentiles, the name which only means **THE NATIONS**. These, God's other people, received mercy through their **Faith** in Jesus, the Messiah. Which is depicted in the Gospel of today.

Dear sisters and brothers, Jesus shows clearly in the Gospel reading that salvation was meant for the Gentiles as well as for the Jews when he healed the daughter of the Gentile woman because of her persistent and strong faith. With this healing Jesus points out that God's mercy and love is always and everywhere available to all those who believe in Him.

Dear People of God, today Jesus calls on us Christians to pull down our walls of separation and share in the universality of His love. Very often we set up walls which separate us from God and from one another. Remember that God's care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation to the hearts of all who live. It is therefore fitting that we should pray and work sincerely so that the walls which our pride, intolerance and prejudice have raised may crumble and fall.

Has your family been challenged to include members of other races? How can we, as God's family, make room for outsiders? How hospitable are you when you meet people you don't know in this parish community? Who are the Canaanites in your life? Do you treat them with love or prejudice? **These are God's Other People; MAKE ROOM FOR THEM; DON'T DRIVE THEM AWAY.**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Mon.	Aug. 17 th	8:00 A.M. - NO Mass
Tues.	Aug. 18 th	8:00 A.M. - Mass – Joanne Fassbender
Wed.	Aug. 19 th	<i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all the souls in Purgatory Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Aug. 20 th	<i>Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marian VanDrese
Fri.	Aug. 21 st	<i>Saint Pius X, Pope</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Marvin Nelson ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Aug. 22 nd	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 1:00 P.M. – Wedding – Colton Hayes & Savannah Barron 3:00 P.M. – Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass – Tom & Florence Duffy
Sun.	Aug. 23 rd	<i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass – Cecilia Terrien

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

63 envelopes returned for August 9, 2026

Adults.....	\$2,914.00
Loose.....	311.00
General Maintenance.....	55.00
Fuel.....	39.00
Total.....	\$3,319.00

Budgeted weekly Income & Expense	\$4,661.53
Short.....	\$1,342.53

St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	20.00
U.P. Catholic Services Appeal.....	240.00
Diocesan Collection.....	295.00
Reimbursements.....	319.54

The Fall Harvest Raffle tickets are out at the back of church. Please stop and pick your packet up. It saves a ton on postage. Also please return any unsold tickets. We have to account for all of them.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS....If you have misplaced or threw away your U.P. Catholic services appeal card that was mailed to you, please contact the parish office for another one. Thank you.

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 45th, 50th or above anniversaries, as well as newlyweds are invited along with their families to the annual Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Golden (50th) anniversary couples are additionally invited to submit information and photos for publication in The U.P. Catholic newspaper. The celebration will be at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, beginning with Mass at 3:30 p.m. There will be a light reception to follow. Online registration may be completed at tinyurl.com/mam26 or you can pick up one at the back of church.

It's that time of year again to start thinking of the donations for the BUCKET RAFFLE! Also, we are having the HARVEST DINNER, Sunday, Oct. 18th.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Aug. 16th** - The size of your troubles generally depends on whether they are coming or going.
- Aug. 17th** - A SMILE - It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friends.
- Aug. 18th** - One of the beautiful surprises of middle age is the discovery that mature love is not only richer and deeper, but every bit as breathtaking as it was in the beginning.
- Aug. 19th** - Casting our burden on the Lord frees us to help carry another's burdens.
- Aug. 20th** - Sitting and wishing won't change your fate; God provides the fishing, but you've got to dig the bait.
- Aug. 21st** - He who forgives, ends the quarrel.
- Aug. 22nd** - It's the little things that bother us, And keep us on the rack; We can sit upon a MOUNTAIN, But not on a TACK.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

A Day of Reflection Celebrating Bishop Baraga

Join us for a Day of Reflection celebrating Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga! Topics include: Bishop Baraga's ministry; his use of the Two Roads Pictorial Scroll to teach catechism; the Cause for Canonization process; and Bishop Baraga's Journey towards Sainthood. Everyone is welcome! The event will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, from noon-4 p.m.** at St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parish, 709 1st Ave. S, Escanaba. Learn more and RSVP at www.bishopbaraga.org.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday
Ez 24:15-23
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday
Ez 28:1-10
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday
Ez 34:1-11
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday
Ez 36:23-28
Mt 22:1-14

Friday
Ez 37:1-14
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday
Ez 43:1-7ab
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday
Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

**Carmelite Fall Festival -
September 12th & 13th
Noon—3:00 PM CST**

Each year, the Sisters of the Discalced Carmelite Monastery of the Holy Cross in Iron Mountain, Mich. sponsor a Fall Festival, Craft, and Bake Sale. This year's celebration will take place Sept. 12-13, from 12-3 p.m. CT each day at the monastery. St. Mary Queen of Peace and American Martyrs parishes will host this year's event. We invite you to partake in this festival to support our Carmelite Sisters, who dedicate their lives to prayer—a foundational ministry for the Church's apostolate. Tickets may be purchased through the parish office. **\$1 Each or 6 for \$5**

Upcoming Retreat

" How to Imitate the VIRTUES of Mary "
October 2-4, 2026 | Queen of Heaven Retreat

Join us for a spiritually enriching weekend retreat directed by **Fr. Corey Litzner**, held at the beautiful **Garden Grove Retreat Center** (formerly Marygrove Retreat Center).

Retreat Fee: \$165.00 per person
Includes: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 1 dinner.
(Special dietary needs can be accommodated.)

Space is limited and will be filled on a **first-come, first-served** basis. Please register by **September 18, 2025**. To register or for more information, contact: **Vicky Ricketts - 906-869-2137, vricke411@gmail.com**